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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to directives to the department of human
2 services regarding changes in the IowaCare and Medicaid
3 programs.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. IOWACARE AND MEDICAID PROGRAM — DIRECTIVES TO
2 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES. The department of human services
3 shall submit any waiver or state plan amendments under the
4 medical assistance program to the centers for Medicare and
5 Medicaid services of the United States department of health
6 and human services as necessary to implement the following
7 directives:

8 1. Amend the specifications for utilization of funds
9 appropriated from the IowaCare account created in section
10 249J.24 to the department of human services for a laboratory
11 test and radiology pool to allow federally qualified health
12 centers, designated by the department as part of the IowaCare
13 regional provider network that do not have the capability
14 to provide such services on site, to utilize laboratory and
15 radiology providers selected by the individual federally
16 qualified health center and approved by the department in
17 addition to any laboratory and radiology providers designated
18 for that federally qualified health center by the department.
19 Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, the department
20 shall amend specifications for utilization of the funds
21 to restrict expenditures to payment for routine screening
22 and basic diagnostic testing and to allow adjustment of
23 reimbursement for covered services to provide reimbursement in
24 an amount that is no greater than the Medicaid reimbursement
25 rate.

26 2. Allow federally qualified health centers that are not
27 participating regional provider network providers to refer
28 patients directly to the university of Iowa hospitals and
29 clinics or to the publicly owned acute care teaching hospital
30 located in a county with a population over 350,000 that is a
31 participating provider for specialty services.

32 3. Reimburse federally qualified health centers for all
33 medical, oral, and behavioral health care services provided to
34 a Medicaid program recipient on the same day at the federally
35 qualified health center.

1 EXPLANATION

2 This bill directs the department of human services (DHS) to
3 submit any waiver or state plan amendments under the medical
4 assistance program to the centers for Medicare and Medicaid
5 services of the United States department of health and human
6 services as necessary to implement three directives:

7 1. Amend the specifications for utilization of funds
8 appropriated to DHS for a laboratory test and radiology pool
9 to allow federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) that are
10 regional providers under the IowaCare program to utilize
11 laboratory and radiology providers selected by the individual
12 FQHC in addition to those laboratory and radiology providers
13 designated by the department. The bill also provides for
14 restriction of expenditures of funds under the pool for
15 routine screening and basic diagnostic testing and provides
16 for adjustment of reimbursement for covered services to
17 provide reimbursement that is not greater than the Medicaid
18 reimbursement rate.

19 2. Allow FQHCs that are not participating regional
20 providers under the IowaCare program to refer patients
21 directly to the university of Iowa hospitals and clinics or to
22 Broadlawns medical center in Des Moines for specialty services.

23 3. Reimburse FQHCs for all medical, oral, and behavioral
24 health care services provided to a Medicaid program recipient
25 on the same day at the FQHC.